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Bulldogs Advance To Championship Game

To Play For Western Title In Asheville On Friday



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The Murphy Bulldogs for the umpteenth time this year rose to the occasion and sent the Harris Blue Devils of Spruce Pine home on the short end of the score in the semi-finals for the Double A Western State Championship playoffs.

By virtue of the win Saturday night on the local field, the Bulldogs will meet a team from Bandy High School this Friday night at Memorial Stadium in Asheville for the State Co-Championship in the Double A division.

The game was played before a standing room crowd only and the outcome was in doubt until the final whistle was blown. No one was sitting down and nobody left until it was all over. It was estimated that over 3,000 fans were on hand for the semi-final game.

We still can't quite decide just how good this years edition of the Bulldogs is. This is the first time in history that they have gone this far in playoff competition. The Dogs have been bridesmaids many times before but this is the first time that they have gotten as far as the "altar".

Even though Harris High lost the game they gave the distinction of scoring on the Bulldogs in less time than any of 11 other teams that they have played this year.

Another distinction that they took home with them, this one on the negative side, is that they only handled the ball from the line of scrimmage three times in the first quarter and six times in the second quarter for a total of nine times in the first half. Two of these nine were punts and the others running plays. They failed to pick up a

single first down in the first half, other than the last play from scrimmage just before the half ended, when Gary Ledford ran the ball from the Harris eight yard line to the Harris 48 yard line. Other than that they had a total of two yards for the first quarter and nine yards for the second quarter (plus the 40 yard gallop of Ledford), but the score was Murphy 16, Harris 7. If you were not there Saturday night, you are probably saying this is impossible. For the benefit of the fans that missed it, this is how it happened...

Willie Bush took the initial kickoff on the Bulldog 30 yard line, returned it to the 38. Fisher picked up a yard, Bush 5 on two plays and Murphy was forced to kick it out. Fisher was standing on his 30 yard line ready to kick it out. The pass from center wasn't the best I have ever seen. Anyway two Blue Devils raced in unmolested and it was

"blap". One of the blockers scooped up the ball, and headed towards the goal line. The other blocker threw a "questionable" block on Mallonee and it was six points with only two minutes and 11 seconds expired. The extra point was good on a kick. This turned out later to be the turning point of the game.

On the next kickoff Bush this time took it on the 25 and returned it to the 44. Mallonee and Fisher in three plays picked up 13 yards and a first down. Bush lost 1, then Fisher picked up 15 and another first down. On the next series Bush and Fisher on three plays picked up 9 yards and eleven inches, right it only liked an inch of being a first down on the Harris 19. What a "tough" call to make. No, seriously, there was only one call and Mallonee made it. On the quarterback sneak, Mallonee picked up the 1st

down. In the next series, on three running plays Fisher netted 7 yards. With fourth and 3 and the ball resting on the Harris 11, Mallonee was faced this time with really a "tough" call. Mallonee tossed a pass to Chris Schuyler at the Harris 6 yard line. This was the first time that Schuyler had been in a game since the Robbinsville game played October 16. Schuyler received a badly sprained ankle during practice on the 21st of October and missed the last three regularly scheduled games plus one playoff game.

The defender tackled Schuyler before the ball reached him and it was ruled interference. The ball was put in play on the Harris 5 yard line, first and goal five yards away. In three plays Fisher and Bush picked up four yards. Once again fourth and one and six points. Mallonee again made a good call and executed the play so cleverly that he went untouched into the end zone with 1:54 left in the first quarter. The pass to Bruce Coward was good for the two extra points putting the Dogs ahead for the first time.

On the ensuing kickoff and after the first three running plays that only netted 2 yards the quarter ended. After changing goals, Harris kicked the ball out to the Murphy 35 with no return. Fisher, Smith and Bush picked up 12 yards and a first down. A pass to Coward was good for 23 yards and a first down. Bush was stopped at the line of scrimmage. Mallonee tossed a pass to Schuyler for 12 yards and a first down. Three running plays by Fisher picked up 11 yards and a first down, placing the ball on the Harris 8. Fisher lost 2 yards, Mallonee

was stopped at the line of scrimmage. Fisher picked up two placing the ball at the original line of scrimmage on the eight. Here Mallonee was faced with another critical fourth down situation. This time the first down would amount to at least six points and a chance to make it eight points. Again on a cleverly executed play Mallonee with the line opening up a big hole, rose to the occasion and went again untouched into the end zone. The pass to Schuyler was a little low but "Sticky Fingers" gathered it in while on his knees and it was Murphy 16, Harris 7, with 5:14 left in the first half.

The ensuing kickoff was returned to the Harris 31. Three running plays netted nine yards and Harris kicked to the Murphy 24. Schuyler picked up six, Bush lost two, Fisher picked up 13 and a first down. Fisher on two running plays picked up ten and a first down. An incompleated pass, Mallonee First one out of six attempts, fell dead. Two running plays and Murphy punted it to the Harris eight yard line. On the last play of the first half, Ledford shook off quite a few Murphy tacklers on a beautiful run, the longest of the night, scooted all the way to the Murphy 50 yard line before being tackled by Mike Hughes. In all probability had Ledford been able to evade Hughes, he would have gone all the way.

The second half kickoff was returned to the Harris 36. On two running plays, Ledford netted two yards. An incomplete pass and a punt and Murphy once again was in possession of the ball on the Murphy 36. Three running plays amounted to a net loss of 4 yards and Murphy for the second time was forced to kick it. This time the kick rolled to the Harris 42. Gunter picked up seven, Harris was offside on the second play and took a five yard penalty, Ledford picked up seven making it third and one. Gunter on a quarterback sneak picked up one giving the visitors their first down of the night. Young then lost five and on the next play Mallonee intercepted a pass placing the ball on the Murphy 25 and Murphy was assessed a 15 yard penalty. Bush and Schuyler with 4 and 6 yard runs picked up 10 yards and a first down. On the next play Bush picked up 8 yards, but on another "questionable" call the Dogs were assessed a 15 yard penalty. This writer does not mean to imply that all the calls made were questionable, but the two mentioned in my opinion were. Opinions are not worth much and I guess that's one reason why everybody has plenty of them. Two running plays by Schuyler and Bush netted 10 yards but not enough for a first down and Murphy was forced to give it up again.

Harris put the ball in play at the Murphy 45. Lawson picked up eight, Ledford on another beautiful run carried the ball to the Murphy four yard line, a pickup of 33 yards and a first down. Lawson picked up two and Ledford added two more for the six points. Dean Gunter added the two pointer to make it Murphy 16, Harris 15., with 1:13 left in the third quarter.

On the next kickoff, Murphy put the ball in play at the Murphy 32. Tom Fisher who was injured just before the first half ended returned to the field. See FOOTBALL...Page 10

Union Service
The churches of Murphy will hold their Thanksgiving service...

Bottom Of The Pile

Spruce Pine players, in light helmets, are shown getting up off a Bulldog back in action Saturday night here on the Murphy field. The Dogs won the playoff game over the visitors, 24-21, and

advance to the Western AA Championship game, which will be played Friday night in Asheville against Catawba County's Bandys High School. (Murphy High School Photo by Ken Cousins)

Padgett To Explain Regional Jail Plan

A public meeting will be held at the library in Hayesville on Wednesday night on the issue of construction of a regional jail at Murphy to serve both Clay and Cherokee counties.

Andy Padgett, chairman of the Clay County commissioners, says he will be present at the meeting to explain the matter. He has been criticized by many people in Clay County who are opposing the regional jail idea.

"I don't know where they plan to get the money to build a separate jail for Clay," he said. "The least jail we could build to satisfy the state would cost us around \$100,000, probably a

little more with inflation going on."

There has been no formal signed agreement between the commissioners of the two counties but Padgett and the other two Clay commissioners, O. A. Blankenship and Odell Shook, have met several times in the past year with the Cherokee commissioners to discuss the jail.

Padgett, Blankenship and Shook all declined to seek re-election and will be replaced with three more Republicans on the first Monday in December. Much pressure is being brought against the incoming board to oppose the regional jail plan.

"We have earmarked the money we're getting from the local sales tax for the jail," Padgett said. "And we hoped to get out for the \$38,000 or so the sales tax would raise in one year."

As planned by the two boards, the regional jail would be constructed at Murphy and overnight lockup would be built at Hayesville, which Padgett said would take care of the great majority of arrests made in Clay, which are either drunks or traffic cases.

Padgett said if Clay elects to build its own jail, it will have to include special cells for juveniles and also a place for the insane, who are sometimes temporarily held in jails.

"In the four years I've been in office they've arrested no juveniles as I know of," he said, "and only one insane person was locked up. It doesn't make much sense to me to build a facility in Clay County just for them."



Ty Burnette

Burnette Director Of Bank

Henry Simmons, city executive in charge of First Union National's Murphy office, has announced the election of Ty Whit Burnette to the Murphy Board of Directors of FUND.

Burnette, principal of General Insurance Company in Andrews, attended Western Carolina University.

He is a member of the Western North Carolina Insurance Agents Association, Secretary of the Andrews Development Corp., and a member of the Andrews Town Council.

He is also past president of the Andrews Rotary Club, a director of Cherokee Savings and Loan Co., and a member of Southwestern N.C. Economic Development and Planning Commission.

Translator Struggle Continues

The struggle over the Asheville television station's Murphy translator continued over the past weekend, the Jaycees getting more names on petitions supporting the translator and those against it insisting that their stand be clarified.

Margaret Dockery and Ruby Sims, both of Route 3, Murphy, brought a copy of their petition against the translator to the Scout office and said their petition does not ask specifically that the translator be taken off the air.

They agree that the matter may boil down to an order by the Federal Communications Commission for the translator to be disconnected but pointed out that their petition reads "We, the undersigned, wish to file a complaint..." and ends with "Please advise each of us what steps to take to restore our lost service."

They said most of their signers come from the Hanging Dog - Unaka area but a few from Peachtree had also signed their petition. They said they sent the FCC petitions complaining about the translator with about 600 signatures.

The Murphy Jaycees, who worked to get the translator in Murphy, were busy over the weekend adding more names to their petitions to the FCC to allow the translator to continue in operation. They also have about 600 names on petitions sent to the FCC in Washington.

Hembree Steps Down After 27 Years

New county officeholders will take over on the first Monday in December and Noah Hembree will quietly step down from the post he has held for the past 27 years.

Chairman of the Cherokee County Board of Education since 1943, Hembree did not run for re-election this year. After more than a quarter-century in service, he is leaving the county school board to others.

Fires Creek Kill Is 25

The 1970 deer season opened on a cold and windy morning Monday and hunters at the Fires Creek management area bagged only 25 bucks.

Warden Harley Martin said the figure, compared to last year's opening day bag of about 35 was "extra good for it to have been such a bad hunting day."

There were no accidents, he said, although one town hunter was charged with killing a doe. A total of 423 hunters were processed through the checking station.

The Scout office will be closed on Thursday and Friday this week for Thanksgiving, to reopen next Monday for business as usual.

Murphy merchants will be closed on Thursday but will be open as usual on Friday.

Stores in Murphy, beginning next week, will be open on Wednesday afternoons and on Friday nights until 9 o'clock until Christmas.

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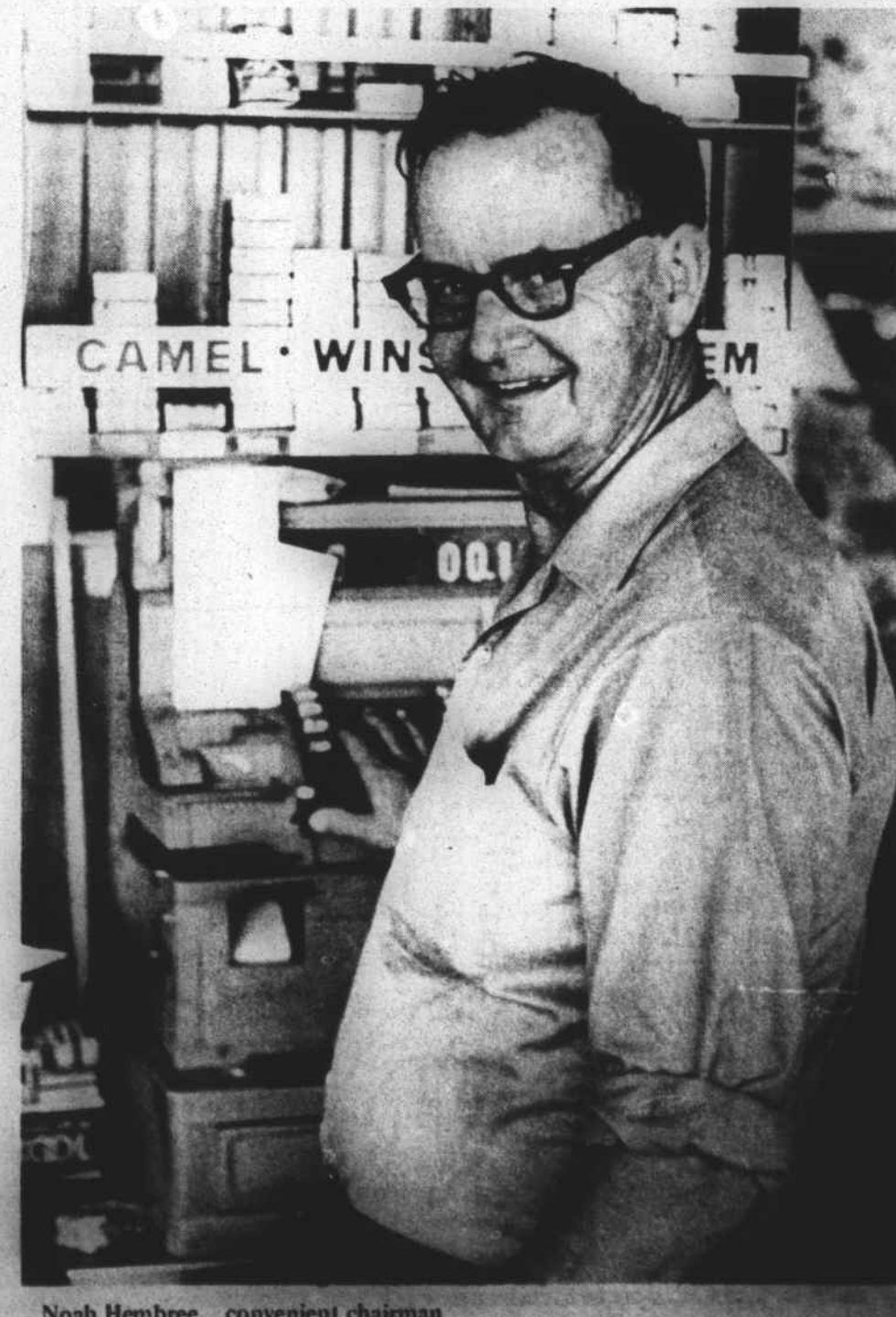
approximately 90 percent complete, while Carl Mixon and David Glockner, co-chairmen of the Andrews area campaign reported their campaign was nearly 80 percent complete.

Last year the Cherokee County United Fund campaign won the top award given in the State of North Carolina, raising nearly 100 percent of its goal.

Those who have donated since the last report was published are: Edna P. Whitley, Parkers Drug Store, Harold N.

Wells, Wilma Tate, Beulah B. Sales, Mattie M. Penland, Trudy's, Bill Hughes, Christine P. Ingle, Murphy Supply & Company.

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Noah Hembree...convenient chairman